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1. AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF ERRATIC POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS, CALABRIAN POLITICIANS WITH ADVICE IF NOT CONSENT FROM ROME HAVE ELECTED A REGIONAL GIUNTA AND ERECTED NEW INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. THE GIUNTA

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IS LED BY RE-CONFIRMED REGIONAL PRESIDENT ALDO FERRARA (DC) AND COMPOSED OF 10 MEMBERS FROM THE DC, PSI, PSDI AND PRI (PRI NOT IN LAST GIUNTA). AT THIS MEETING TO ELECT A GIUNTA THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ALSO RE-ELECTED ITS OWN ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT, SOCIALIST CONSALVO ARAGONA.

2. THE PCI, ALTHOUGH NOT REPRESENTED ON THE GIUNTA, IS QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE CALABRIA ARRANGEMENT; PARTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FRANCO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMBROGIO TERMS IT "AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD". THIS IS NOT ONLY BECAUSE THE PCI IS CLEARLY INCLUDED IN THE "EMERGENCY POLITICAL MAJORITY" BUT BECAUSE THE PCI WILL CHAIR A NEW REGIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE WITH POTENTIAL SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OVER GIUNTA OPERATIONS (REFTEL). THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE IS SAID TO INCLUDE 8 REGIONAL COUNCILLORS, 3 GIUNTA MEMBERS IN THEIR CAPACITY AS CHIEFS OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED REGIONAL DEPARTMENTS AND THE GIUNTA MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR

BUDGETARY MATTERS, BUT SOME DISPUTE APPARENTLY CONTINUES OVER PRECISE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GIUNTA. ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS ACCOUNT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT BE LIMITED TO INFREQUENT CONSULTATIONS WITH GIUNTA ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS ONLY.

3. CAMPANIA REGIONAL DC SECRETARY MICHELE SCOZIA (DOROTEO) TOLD CONOFF THAT THE CALABRIA ARRANGEMENT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN ROME AND

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PARTY LEADERS CONSIDER THE IMPLIED CONFUSION OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS A BAD PRECEDENT. SCOZIA CALLED THE CALABRIA EXPERIMENT ESPECIALLY WORRISOME BECAUSE REGIONS EXERCISE LEGISLATIVE AND PLANNING POWER WITH ONLY LIMITED EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY. A STRONG PROGRAM COMMITTEE MIGHT IN TIME RENDER THE GIUNTA SUPERFLUOUS. 4. REFERRING TO CAMPANIA, THE DC SECRETARY AFFIRMED THAT NO PROGRAM COMMITTEE WOULD BE FORMED. HE WAS LESS CERTAIN ON WHEN GIUNTA COULD BE ELECTED BECAUSE THE PSI CONTINUES TO INSIST ON AN EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT WITH THE COMMUNISTS IN. ALSO THE PCI, ACCORDING TO SCOZIA, IS INSISTENTLY CITING THE MORO KIDNAPPING AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE URGENT NEED FOR AN EMERGENCY REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE DC WILL MAKE NEW PROPOSALS THIS WEEK BUT A CAMPANIA REGIONAL SOLUTION MAY AWAIT OUTCOME OF PSI NATIONAL CONGRESS. COLANTONIO.

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